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SUBJ: IRANIAN PRESS REPORTING OF ALLEGED U.S THREATS

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1. IN CONTINUING PLAY OF ARTICLES RELATED TO DISTORTION
OF SECRETARY'S REMARK ON HYPOTHETICAL USE OF FORCE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, IRANIAN PRESS JANUARY 14 PUBLISHED KUWAIT
NEWSPAPER STORY THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR IN UAE DELIVERED
URGENT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO SHEIKH ZAYED
REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TWO AMERICAN DESTROYERS TO
STATE A NAVAL EXERCISE INVOLVING LANDING OF TROOPS ON
THE ISLAND. SAME PAPERS HEADLINED PRESIDENT'S TIME
MAGAZINE INTERVIEW, "FORD BACKS USE OF FORCE THREAT".
IRANIAN PRESS HAS HARDLY MISSED A DAY OF HEADLINES OF
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THIS NATURE SINCE SECRETARY'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW.

2. COMMENT: IRANIAN PRESS, WHICH HAS NEVER SUGGESTED THAT IRAN ITSELF MIGHT BE AN OBJECT OF U.S. ALLEGED THREATS, WILL CONTINUE TO REPEAT STORIES AS LONG AS THEY ARE PUBLISHED IN NEIGHBORING ARAB PAPERS. THESE STORIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE CURRENT IRANIAN PRESS CAMPAIGN FOR POLITICAL SOLIDARITY WITH EGYPT AND OTHER MIDDLE EASTERN MOSLEMS.
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